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County Staging Site/Distribution Training

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Remember

These briefings and any of our educational/training sessions are intended and designed for attendees to "take home". These sessions should facilitate discussion with internal and external planning partners, guide the deliverable process, and assist in plan and policy updates.



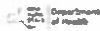
Goals

- Coalition partners will receive updated orientation to County Staging Site (CSS) Operations



When To Request Assistance

- When there is awareness that local resources will be exhausted
- When local resources can't meet the needs of the anticipated response



Available Resources

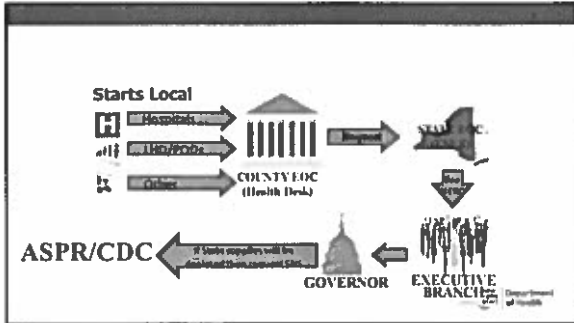
- Local- Office of Emergency Management (OEM), mutual aid, regional mutual aid, private agreements, associations, healthcare systems
- State assets
- Federal assets



Where Assistance May Come From

- A request starts at a local jurisdiction, through the County Emergency Management Office to the State Office of Emergency Management. The State will fill the request or seek assistance from the federal government;
- NYSDOH : Medical Emergency Response Cache (MERC)
- Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR): Strategic National Stockpile (SNS)
- Health and Human Services (HHS): Authority to release SNS
- Division of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency FEMA: Assigns HHS missions under Emergency Support Function – 8 (ESF-8) – Public Health and Medical Services Annex





What is the Medical Emergency Response Cache (MERC)?

- State stockpile program containing pharmaceuticals, durable medical equipment and supplies
- MERC assets are intended to supplement local level response
- MERC assets can sustain a large event response prior to SNS arrival- arrival within 4 hours of approval
- MERC assets will likely be the first outside supplies available to an affected area during an emergency

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MERC Assets

- Ciprofloxacin/Doxycycline (Cipro/Doxy)
- Durable medical goods
- Ventilators (LTV 1200)
- Other supportive items

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Current Distribution Model

Cipro/Doxy Regional Distribution Model

Deployment based on largest NYS region
Stockpile enough assets to cover all acute care hospital employees, plus 1.5 for family members
Assets to be distributed at time of event.

This replaced the forward deployed assets in facilities!!!



Inventory Management System

- Mismanaged inventory can lead to loss of product, improper allocation decisions, increased lead time for filling order requests
- Improves reporting accuracy
- Increases efficiency & productivity
- Saves time
- Medical Emergency Response Inventory Tracking System (MERITS)



Distribution Process

- All requests are created as orders in MERITS
- Email notification to the contact as listed in MERITS
- Contacts can be updated
- Bill of Lading versus packing list/pick sheet



Why MERITS?

- Free, including technical support and training
- Secure and independent, LHD inventory not visible to others
- Instance notification on orders created and shipped (email)
- Track inventory received from all sources
- Can be used to track inventory day to day, during an emergency and for exercises and drills
- Orders received via NYS DOH will be in MERITS, creates an outstanding receipt in you receipts section (inbound orders)
- Reports and Reporting Features, also available in PDF or excel format



Distribution of Assets From The State

Depending on the assets available from State OEM.

- Office of General Services (OGS)
- Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS)
- NYS Department of Transportation (NYSDOT)
- NYS Thruway Authority (NYSTA)
- NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH)
- UPS and/or FedEx



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